

County Government. Samuel G Smith. Hillsboro. W. Va. Pocahontas County.

During the Civil War our county government ceased to operate as it was almost impossible to preserve the county records and during the war the records were out of the courthouse as much as four years and today these old books show the stain of buckwheat straw as they were hidden in a buckwheat straw rick for quite sometime and were as far away as Allegheny County Virginia and during the battle of Droop Mountain they were hid near Lobelia which is in the Western part of Pocahontas County. William Curry was the clerk at the outbreak of the war so it was by his faithfulness and loyalty to his county and its government officials that these records were preserved and stand today as a memorial to those old gentlemen that labored so faithfully that we might have county government founded ~~founded~~ by true Americans that has stood the test for these many years.

George P. Moore was commissioned Post Master at Edray during the war he being one of the prominent citizens in our county Government for many years previous .

In Meade Township the following men were chosen, Supervisor Adam Nottingham, B. A. Arbogast township clerk, Adam Nottingham Justice, B. N. Arbogast was chosen Constable, Harvey Nottingham Treasurer, Addison Irvine Overseer of the Poor, with Martin C Dilley and Andrew Wanless as inspectors of ele-

ons for the township of Meade.

Charles Morrison was chosen Supervisor for the Township of Union with

B. B. Garvey overseer of the poor, Abraham Hill Treasurer, Morgan Anderson Ju-

stice of the Peace and James F Hill Constable with Jacob McCarty and Jacob

W. Smith as inspectors of elections for Meade Township. This work having been

completed the Supervisors turned to the appointment of surveyors of roads

for the various townships and the making of a list of men to be drawn as

jurors this being completed they adjourned to meet at Edray on Tuesday the

7th day of November 1865. And when this time rolled around you found those

present were Adam ~~KING~~, Nottingham, Pres. Jonathan McNeill, and Charles Mo-

rrison this being a quorum they went about transacting such business that

might come before such a body at this meeting an election was ordered held

and the following men were chosen for office serving the entire county as they

do today, Joseph A Thompson was elected Prosecuting Attorney, Daniel Kellison

as surveyor of lands, Robert Gay as Recorder, William B Hannah assessor and

Robert Gay was also chosen as clerk of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County.

John T Wanless was elected Sheriff, L. H. Sharp Commissioner of Schools, and Geo.

P Moore elected as County Superintendent of Schools, at this time a judge had

to be chosen for the ninth judicial circuit of which Pocahontas was a part

H. Harrison was chosen as judge, also a senator had to be chosen from the same

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senatorial district to this office Henry W Mathews was chosen to represent the ninth senatorial district. George P Moore resigned as County Superintendent of schools and Robert P Williams was chosen to fill the vacancy. It was at this time that the county officials decided to repair the Courthouse and Jail so it was deemed advisable to appoint a man to take bids and to the lowest responsible bidder a contract would be awarded to this task they placed Amos Barlow, and it was decided that they hold court at Huntersville instead of at Edray to which they all agreed.

It was in the year of 1865 that a license was issued to James A Price to open a hotel at Marlins Bottom which in later years became the County seat of Pocahontas County. At this time the revenue of the county was very low as thus far they had not been able to lay the county levy and they had borrowed all the money that was available from individuals to meet current expenses and to furnish stationery and books to the clerk for the proceedings of the court to be recorded. The county subscribed \$ 10,000.00 capital stock in the Monongahela and Lewisburg Rail Road with the understanding that the Railroad must pass through the county at certain points this was ratified by a 3/5 majority of the voters of the county and it was at this meeting that they resolved to have their next meeting at Huntersville July 1. 1866 and it was at this meeting in 66 that the first talk was made about removing the county seat from Huntersville which

erialized near the end of the eighteenth century. This period thus far  
since the close of the war is known as the reconstruction period of Poca-  
hontas County as much had to be done to make up for the time lost during  
the war when our county government ceased to function which was a grave  
matter to the many citizens of the county especially at that particular  
time when the county was so badly torn up by the war that had raged within  
its borders for over three years leaving many homeless and poverty strick-  
en, children fatherless and the county almost bankrupt and out of gear so to  
speak as they had to start almost like they did at the very beginning of our  
county government at the time of the formation of the county.

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